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Open Fires Prohibited on the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

Past and prevailing weather conditions have caused extremely dry and windy conditions for western Alaska. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that it is necessary to prohibit the use of all open fires and activities which greatly increase fire danger.

Effective immediately and continuing until further notice all cooking, warming, signaling fires or any type of open fire on Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited. The term "open fires" refers to any flame source not immediately extinguishable or controllable and applies to any form of wood or charcoal-based fire, even in established fire rings. Gas grills, backpacking or camp stoves using fuel or compressed canisters which can be regulated and shut off are still permitted for use.

Refuge visitors are advised to use caution and monitor media sources for updates on fire activity. Questions regarding this emergency restriction should be directed to the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge at (907) 543-3151.

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